

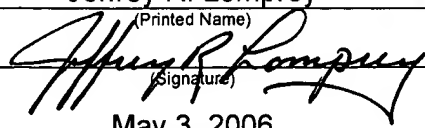


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**COMMUNICATION REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor and good faith to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Applicant notes that the 396 days of Patent Term Adjustment as indicated on the Notice of Allowance mailed April 21, 2006, for the above-captioned application, disagrees with Applicant's own calculation of Patent Term Adjustment. It is hereby requested that the Patent Office verify the calculation of the Patent Term Adjustment for the present application.

Applicant also notes that this letter is a required response under Applicant's duty of candor and good faith. As such, Applicant expects that the filing of this letter with the USPTO will not result in a reduction in Patent Term Adjustment.

Respectfully submitted,

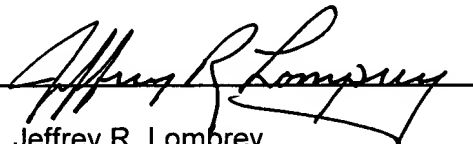
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